

Davis Reply To Tinsley.

The good old reverend brother at Simmons would have you believe that we Socialists would abolish religion. In that he tries to falsely impress the public. We couldn't abolish the kind that Jesus taught—peace on earth and good will to mankind. Because there is but little if any to abolish. We wouldn't if we could, and couldn't if we would. Personally I am against the kind of religion that makes its victim jump up and holler glory halleluiah, pop his heels together and perform a few other circus stunts on Sunday. Then on Monday he forgets what he done and said on Sunday. Tuesday he tells Charley Brown that old Bill (the bally horse) will pull anywhere when in reality he pulls nowhere, that he is 10 years old when he is really 20. On Wednesday he tells old Bill to Charley Brown, (the poor man) for \$50. when in reality he isn't worth 50cts. Old Bill dies during the coming winter and Charley skins him. He gets \$5.00 for his hide, as the only reward for his patience and tender care toward him during his last days. For the remainder of the week this pious old hypocrite who calls himself a follower of the Carpenter brags to his neighbors about being \$50 better off. He is \$50 worse off and so is Charley Brown.

We Socialists want that kind of religion that will set every slave free, and you know that we working people are slaves under our present capitalist system. That kind that would banish poverty from the working class and establish peace and good will among us while we are here in flesh and blood is the kind that socialists talk for, vote for and pray for.

I don't believe that it is possible for us to have practical christianity until we establish co-operation and Socialism in the place of competition and individualism.

Society today stands upon the rock of competition. Each and every one is for himself and the Devil is for us all. It used to be that every business man owned and run his own business but the business men saw that competition was too expensive, consequently they got together and formed great co-operations—some of them at least. The workers were slow to see that competition among the workers meant destruction but finally some of them got together and formed great labor organizations which are nothing but trusts.

We Socialists believe that competition among the workers and the speculators is slowly but surely dying. All of your anti-trust legislation won't revive it. Competition is war. Is there any christianity about war, Mr. Tinsley?

Mr. Tinsley says that they (the apostles) tried communion. I will admit that communion is related to Socialism but ancient communion couldn't be present day socialism. Read acts, 4-31,35.

Let us draw a line between communism and Socialism. We will use the religious and postal institutions as examples. The church house is a community of property. It belongs equally to all the members of the church. The church is an organization of individuals who seek to do the will of the Lord through an organized effort. That is practical communism.

The post office is owned by all the people. It is operated by the government for the interest of all the people. It is socially owned and socially used. No man has been made a millionaire and no man has been made a pauper by this institution. The government is supposed to operate the postal business at cost. The price of stamps is the same to everyone. The wages are good and the hours are not long. Do you think that this socialistic institution has hurt anybody's religion Mr. Tinsley? It hasn't destroyed the religion of the postman on route three for he passes my house singing happy religious songs and the good wage for the light work that Uncle Sam gives him, is sufficient to make life a pleasure for him and those who depend upon him. He is getting as fat as a butterball. This is practical Socialism.

Mr. Tinsley says that Socialism will undermine christianity. I challenge him to show the public that plank in the socialist platform that would hurt christianity.

Mr. Tinsley continues to blaspheme the name of Bro. Debs. Bro. Debs said in the Appeal to Reason that what he was alleged to have said about the preachers and inspiration was an infamous lie. Bro. Tinsley should write Debs at Terre Haute, Ind., and ask him about what he accuses him of saying. Then have his answer printed in the Republican. Won't you do that Mr. Tinsley? The public would watch for Mr. Deb's reply.

This Thomas cat at Simmons squalls like he might be effected with the johnny-jump-ups. He is continually jumping from earthly to heavenly things. He is in the air most of the time discussing religion. He hit the

earth in a few places and stayed long enough to tell us that the Socialists would confiscate their neighbors property.

The brother doesn't seem to realize that confiscation has been the game of speculators every since our nation was borned. All of our public utilities was made and developed by the producing class and we find that the non-producing class runs all of those public utilities that are privately owned. A look at the distribution of wealth as given in the table below will convince you that most of the nation's wealth has already been confiscated from its producers.

Distribution of wealth for 1900.
The wealthy class, \$50,000 and over, number 125,000, aggregate wealth \$33,000,000,000, average wealth \$264,000.

The well-to-do class, \$50,00 to \$5,000, number 1,375,000, aggregate wealth \$23,000,000,000, average wealth \$16,000.

The middle class \$5,000 to \$500 number 5,500,000, aggregate wealth \$800,000,000, average wealth \$150.

Total number 12,500,000, aggregate wealth \$65,000,000,000, average wealth \$5,200.

From Charles B. Spahr's distribution of wealth in the U. S. P. 56 a careful study of the table reveals to us the fact that the plutocratic class owns over 50 per cent of the nations wealth, yet it only composes 1 per cent of its population. We find that the eleven million families of the middle and poor classes own about 14 per cent of the nation's wealth, yet they composed about 88 per cent of the nations population.

He thanked his God for not being class-conscious. Yet he has lived among the workers and the shirkers for over one-half of a century. The shirkers own most of the public utilities. They try to set the price of labor and they do set the price on all manufactured articles. The workers have organized and are trying to set the price on their own labor. This causes a class struggle between the contending factions. It leads to strikes, disorder and bonehead. When the workers get thoroughly organized they will demand all they produce. Then the owners of the nations industries will close them for there will be no profit for them. As a result the general public will suffer as it does in all labor troubles. Then our Government will be forced to take over our public utilities and operate them for the interest of all the people.

Mr. Tinsley doesn't believe that our worst people are born of lawful intercourse. We Socialists believe that some of our worst people are born of lawful intercourse but not all of them.

Mr. Tinsley is trying to mislead the public on the morality of Socialism. He has been blaspheming and trying to steal the character of Bro. Debs.

Those who steal are thieves. Those who blaspheme are blasphemers. What does the Bible say about thieves and blasphemers Mr. Tinsley?

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If I wanted to say something bad about the old parties, I would appeal to Theodore Roosevelt and the Federal grand juries for information.

I deny that the melting-pot is one of the leading Socialist papers in America. It deals almost entirely with religion. I have read a number of its issues but I have never seen anything in its columns that pertained to Socialism. Though I admit that its manager is an unbeliever I can find unbelievers in either of the old parties not 10 miles from Simmons Ky.

Mr. Tinsley said, "Do you notice any enthusiastic christian workers in the churches? If not why not? Yes there are active Christian Socialists in the churches of Ohio county. I will produce their names in my next article if you would have me to.

There are many Socialists who won't join the churches because they think the churches have failed to do that which they were organized for. I am personally acquainted with a prominent baptist who says that he will affirm that the churches of today are failures. Bro. Tinsley I will give you the name and address of your Bro. baptist if you want to tackle him. He is not a Socialist either.

Bro. Tinsley if you are going to discuss Socialism with me you must fold your wings and come back to earthly things.

In order to bring Mr. Tinsley back to the subject I present him a few questions:

Do you believe that each and every one should have all they create or its equivalent in dollars? Socialists do.

Do you think that the working man is paid for all the wealth he creates? Socialists don't.

Do you think that a man can become a millionaire honestly? I don't.

Do you think that one man has a right to speculate on the labor of other men? Socialist don't.

Do you believe that our government should own our public utilities? Socialists do.

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A Damnable Law.
The Democratic party has passed many laws that should never have been passed and a great many of them should be repealed the first opportunity, but the most damnable law ever passed by any legislative body in the world, is the present Kentucky primary law. The dark ages never produced anything like it.

Think of the Judge of a Court, in order to get his name on the ballot to be voted for, must go before an officer authorized to administer an oath, and swear that he is a Republican if he wants to run on the Republican ticket, or a Democrat if he wants to run on the Democratic ticket now, and swear that he is going to vote the Republican ticket in November (even if his candidate steals a horse between now and that time). He must swear also that he registered as a Republican at the last general election, and his affidavit must be accompanied by the affidavit of two other Republicans, and yet the law says that you cannot make a man tell how he voted, because we have the secret ballot system. The affidavit we have mentioned, instead of qualifying a candidate ought to disqualify a candidate for that office. You must make the same affidavit for every office from Governor down to a member of the Common Council.

The Republican party for years has been fighting for a nonpartisan Judiciary, but a man that can't swear and prove it by two good witnesses has no chance to get his name on the ballot.

The framers of that law had in mind low down dirty politics, its main object being to prevent a union of Republicans, Independent Democrats and Progressive, and to keep the offices in the hands of rank partisans. Every community in the State should rise up and demand a repeal of such damnable laws, as soon as the legislature convenes again, and there ought to be found in the State enough honest Democrats to assist in that worthy cause. An honest man wants the sense of the people on all questions, a dishonest man wants to throw every obstruction in the way to prevent an honest expression of the people. So do it by having a law passed to give them the power, under the forms of law, while others in the absence of a law resort to ballot box stuffing, bribery and other known devices, common in Kentucky and Indiana. Which one of these are the

most objectionable we will discuss later on but for the present, we want it understood that we are going to fight for a repeal of the obnoxious primary law.—Owensboro News.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

The Exact Point.
"A train leaves New York," supposed the teacher, "traveling forty miles an hour. It is followed thirty minutes later by a train traveling eighty miles an hour. At what point will the second train run into the first?"

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